31st August

The four batches of 89 students from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia and Malaysia landed in Bengaluru on 31st August. They checked-in at Hotel Fairfield Marriot, Bengaluru.

1st September

The First day started with a brief welcome address by CII and distribution of pocket allowance. The group proceeded for their first visit i.e. to Infosys - an Indian multinational corporation that provides business consulting, information technology, software engineering and outsourcing services.

The visit started with the two short video clips on Infosys. The first film showed the growth of the company through the years. The second clip was on the company’s core values. There was a half an hour interactive session with AVP Operations Mr Narhari followed by a campus tour.

After having lunch at Hotel Lemon Tree, the students visited the Bosch - German multinational engineering and electronics Company. The Bangalore unit is a subsidiary of the company.

The visit was a round to the manufacturing plant for automotive components. An introduction to the plant, training, HR values and technical competence was given during the tour.
After having two company visit back to back, the group visited ISKCON Temple in evening- a holy place of transcendental pastimes, dedicated to the personality of Krishna.

They also enjoyed shopping time at Orion Mall in the evening and came back with lot of goodies with them.

2nd September

The next day started early as they had to visit manufacturing plant of TVS (manufactures motorcycles, scooters, mopeds and auto rickshaws in India) which is located in Hosur (outskirts of Bengaluru).

The visit started with a short video clip on the company. The students were divided into two groups. One visited the bike manufacturing and other visited the scooter and moped manufacturing plant. The interaction with supervisors was done during the tour. The students also had a chance to interact with the workers and management when they ate in the canteen along with the employees of the company.

Lunch for the students was hosted by TVS at their canteen where the students also got familiar with the discipline and hygiene of the food which is served to the TVS staff.

After lunch, the students visited IIM Bangalore - consistently ranked as one of the best business schools in India and the Asia Pacific region. The visit included a campus tour of the students along with a small interaction with the student head of cultural department of the institute.

After visiting the manufacturing plant and education institute, the students visited Lalbagh - one of the best gardens known for its layout, maintenance, scientific treasure and scenic beauty. The garden with well-laid out roads, paths, open spaces, shade and a good collection of many types of plant species. The students had a great time and clicked many photographs as well.
3rd September

The day started very early in morning as the group had to catch Indigo flight which was to leave by 6.30 a.m. They reach Ahmedabad by 8.45 a.m. and checked-in Hotel Marriott after that.

As they reach Ahmedabad well in time, they proceeded for their first meeting of the day at Prasad Group of Companies which is owned by Mr Dhruv Shah. They manufacture different types of mouldings etc. The meeting started with a corporate presentation by the marketing team of the company at the auditorium and then they visited the manufacturing plant. The students group was divided into four to give a view and technical know about of their various units. The visit was fruitful and the students got to know the working of the manufacturing units in Ahmedabad. Students also raised few queries and were answered by the floor manager.

After having lunch at the Marriot hotel, the students visited Blind People Association – a professional organisation works for providing education, employment opportunities, equal rights and quality life for people with disabilities. They met and interacted with Ms Vimal and Professor Punani who briefed them about their efficient and noble working of giving life and motivate thousands of people to grow and live
a normal life. Students interacted with two young champions of tennis and represented and won medals for India. A presentation was shown to let students about their functioning and vision & mission.

Students were very enlightened and happy to visit BPA and clicked snaps and gifted mementos to the management present there as token of appreciation.

After this, the group of students went to the CII office in Ahmedabad where they had a fruitful Interaction with Young Entrepreneurs like Mr Shrinjay Joshi, Co-Founder, Shyamal & Associates; Mr Animesh Damani, Managing Director, Hotel Platinum Inn; Mr Pulkit Bakliwal, Director, Pavit Ceramics Pvt Ltd; Mr Suraj Rajan, Director, Paramount Flexipack Pvt Ltd and Mr Pravit Parikh, Director-Business Solutions, Systems Dynamics (India) Pvt Ltd. The session lasted for long and gave exposure and insight to ASEAN students about young entrepreneurs.

4th September

After breakfast, the students left to visit TCS located in Gandhinagar. They were warmly welcomed by the TCS management. The visit included corporate presentation, individual interaction and by Mr Hasit Qazi, Mr Anomitra Das, Regional HR Head and other esteemed persons who spoke and briefed about TCS. The session ended with a visit at their premises and Q&A session followed by lunch, hosted by TCS.
After lunch at TCS, the student delegation visited **Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University (PDPU)**, Gandhinagar and got an opportunity to know about the university and interact with the faculty present. The interaction ended on a musical note wherein two students of the university played flute and tabla for the ASEAN students.

The last visit of the day was at Ahmedabad Haat but due to rains here, they were taken to Alpha Mall for shopping.

**5th September**

Next morning, the ASEAN students visited **Harsha Engineers Ltd.** - a global solution provider of Bearing Cages as well as special purpose Stamped Components. The program started with a welcome note by the Company representative and then there was a Corporate presentation by Mr Vishal Rangwala. After that, the students visited the plant. The interaction was open and students got an opportunity to meet and talk with Mr VP Mashroo, VP Human resource and his team. Session ended with group snaps and mementos presentation to the Harsha team by the students. The arrangements were well co-ordinated and ran as scheduled.
After lunch, the students visited **IIM, Ahmedabad** and with the assistance of Mr Somnath Bhattacharya, Manager, Facilities, the students got an opportunity to visit a premier institution and to interact with the faculty. They got a chance to visit the old IIM premises.

Later in the afternoon, they visited the **Gandhi Ashram** where students got to know about Gujarat & about Mahatma Gandhi, Father of the nation.

**6th September**

They had a morning flight from Ahmedabad to Delhi and they reached Delhi around 11 a.m. After check-in and lunch at the hotel Aerocity Marriott, the students left for hospital visit. As the group was large, we divided them into two groups and one group visited Fortis Escorts Heart Institute and other went to Max Healthcare Institute Ltd. By visiting these places, they learned about modern healthcare systems & healthcare technologies available in India.
Evening was dedicated to Dilli Haat to exploring the Indian culture, cuisine, fashion, etc. They were very excited as they got beautiful gifts (Indian souvenir) for their family and friends at a reasonable prices.

7th September

Agra visit to the Taj Mahal – one of the Wonders of the World was on Sunday. They were waiting for this day from the time of their arrival in Bengaluru. They left the hotel early morning so that they could reach Agra well in time. As the journey was bit tiring, they first relaxed and had lunch at ITC hotel in Agra and then visited Taj Mahal with full of energy and excitement. They truly loved it and it became the highlight of their trip to India.

8th September

After the full day of enjoy and entertainment, this was the day of back-to-back meetings and visits. As always, they were divided in two groups and while one went to Maruti Udyog Ltd the other group went to Munjal Showa Ltd respectively for the factory visit. They had a brief introduction and then visited their manufacturing plant.
After lunch, they went to Foreign Service Institute where they were addressed by Former Ambassador Amitava Tripathi. They also interacted with him over tea. It was a very fruitful interactive session with Mr Tripathi.

After FSI visit, the student delegation went to Election Commissioner’s office. They had an interactive session with the Chief Election Commissioner of India, Mr V S Sampath at his office. They got to know about Indian democracy and various norms and guidelines set in India for election polls.

In evening, they had a gala dinner in which they had a chance to meet with the Secretary (East) MEA, Mr Anil Wadhwa. He addressed the students and interacted with them. The Secretary also handed over the participation certificate to the students. Mr Chanxay, Charge d’ Affairs from Embassy of Laos also came to meet the students. Other two officials from MEA, Mr Muralidharan and Mr Ravi Goel were also present.

Later, the students put up a 40 minute performance of song & dance, and showcased their traditional costumes and culture. They also conveyed the popularity of Bollywood actors in their countries. It was very enjoyable evening.
9th September

After breakfast, the group left for IIT, Delhi and visited the campus and had an interaction with few students from IIT. They exchanged their contact nos. with each other as well.

After lunch, they visited their own Embassy located in different parts in Delhi and interacted with their Ambassador / High Commissioner along with other staff. They felt like home after meeting their embassy staff.

As they all had to leave for the airport to leave for their respective countries we went to the hotel to prepare. After 10 days of bonhomie and togetherness the moment of separation was an emotional one. Happy in knowing that they have stronger bonds with their friends in the ASEAN countries now but tearful and with a heavy heart they boarded the bus to the airport.